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SUBJECT: INITIAL COMMENTS FOR NTM GROUP MEETING DECEMBER 4

1. GIVEN THE LACK OF SETTLEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ISSUE AND
CONTINUED RELUCTANCE OF LDCS TO ADD TO CURRENT WORK PROGRAM IT
UNLIKELY THAT THIS MEETING WILL PRODUCE SIGNIFICANT RESULTS.
THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN REGARD TO US PROPOSAL FOR SUB-
GROUP ON VARIABLES LEVIES AND MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES.

2. THE ONLY AREA THAT WE KNOW WHERE PROGRESS IS CONCEIVABLE IS
THE POSSIBLE ESTABLISMENT OF A SUBGROUP ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT. T
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IS AN ISSUE WHERE THE LDC'S HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST AND WHERE THE
AGRICULTURAL IMPASSE IS NOT AT ISSUE. FURTHER, NO DELEGATION EXCEPT
THE JAPANESE HAS INDICATED THEY ARE AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
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SUCH A GROUP. IF THE CANADIANS AND THE INDIANS SUCCESSFULLY

LOBBY PRIOR TO THE MEETING, GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT MAY AGAIN BE PROPOSED,
WITH GOOD CHANCE OF SUCCESS. PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS
ADEQUATE FOR THIS CONTINGENCY.

3. THE PRIMARY REASON THAT CANADA INSISTED ON THIS MEETING
WAS TO ONCE AGAIN PRESS ITS POSITION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
AN ANTIDUMPING SUBGROUP. IN CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT
SECRETARY MACDONALD DURING SUBSIDIES/COUNTERVAILING DUTY
MEETING HERE, USDEL WORKED OUT THE FOLLOWING TEXT ON ANTIDUMPING:
QUOTE (WE) CAN AGREE TO LIST IT (ANTIDUMPING) AS TOPIC FOR
CONSIDERATION BY THE NTM GROUP AFTER COMPLETION BY THE GATT ANTI-
DUMPING COMMITTEE OF ITS CONSIDERATION OF AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS
RELATING TO THE INVENTORY OF PROBLEMS AND ISSUES INITIATED AT
ITS MEETING IN OCTOBER 1975. UNQUOTE. WE BELIEVE THIS PROVIDES
ADEQUATE GUIDANCE FOR MEETING. WALKER

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